

SPECIAL PLACES

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Flying CRs with Tom and Ash

Pilot Ash Hallet and Southeast Regional Supervisor Tom Foster review flight plans for aerial reconnaissance of conservation restrictions for The Trustees.

"It's a Cessna 172," said Tom Foster, pointing to the small plane landing at Norwood Airport. "It cruises at about 120 miles per hour, but we fly at about 70-75 so we don't miss anything."

Not missing anything was our goal for the day. I was joining Southeast Regional Supervisor Tom Foster for a day of "flying CRs," getting an aerial view of the 50 conservation restrictions covering nearly 2,000 acres that Tom oversees in the Southeast Region.

A conservation restriction is a legal agreement that permanently protects the scenic and natural features of a privately-owned area and ensures that it will not be developed or subdivided. The owner grants a CR to The Trustees, who monitor and enforce the terms of the conservation restriction.

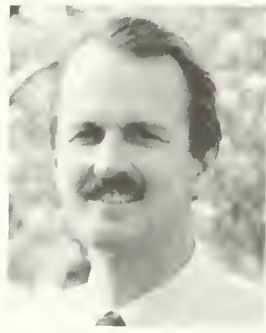
Tom Foster had already spent most of the previous day reviewing his documentation files and planning the route. Our job was to view the CRs from the air to make certain no development had taken place recently, except as specifically permitted in the original agreements.

Our pilot was Ash Hallet, who brought to the task more than 25 years experience in aerial reconnaissance and photography. After eleven years of contract flying for The Trustees, Ash knew the area and some of the CRs nearly as well as Tom.

We left Norwood and headed west over Dedham, Westwood, Dover and Needham, where several of our CRs abut the Charles River as it meanders away from Route 128. Tom spotted an addition to a barn, and Ash circled around, opened

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Dear Friends and Trustees:



We all know that The Trustees of Reservations would not survive without the generous financial support of its members. What is less well known is the enormous importance of voluntary contributions of time and expertise. I want to tell you about one such example of extraordinary generosity.

A little over a year ago, Franz Colloredo-Mansfeld, one of our newly-elected Corporate Trustees, called to say he wanted to help and to ask if The Trustees would be interested in receiving some free assistance from his employer, McKinsey & Company, Inc. Betraying my ignorance, I looked the proverbial gift horse straight in the mouth and asked what McKinsey did and what they were good at. "Management consulting and problem solving" was Franz's characteristically patient and polite answer. Sounded good to me then; today I can hardly believe our good fortune!

For the last 12 months, McKinsey & Company—in the form of Franz and his colleagues Ron O'Hanley, Jeff Peters and Evelyn Krache—have devoted countless hours and shared their in-depth thoughts and skillful analysis with The Trustees' management team. Based on our experience with McKinsey, I have no trouble believing a recent *Fortune Magazine* article which states "In a world seemingly overpopulated with consultants, McKinsey endures as the ultimate brand name—the Rolls Royce of its industry." The same article also describes the extensive involvement of its partners in *pro bono* work as a key element of its corporate culture.

Members of the Standing Committee and Advisory Council recently had an opportunity to hear a McKinsey presentation of their work to date. At our request, McKinsey has been focusing on helping us

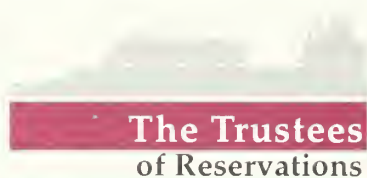
identify opportunities for revenue generation. While the standards of good stewardship are applied as conscientiously to our existing financial resources as they are to our historic and natural resources, we do have a pressing need to find new dollars. With our operating budget at over six million dollars, we are faced with having to increase our income by 200,000 dollars each year just to keep pace with inflation, not to mention funding new initiatives!

To date the McKinsey recommendations fall into four general categories:

1. Increasing revenues from members, especially through promoting enlistment in the Giving Societies at *The 1891* and *Charles Eliot* levels;
2. Investing in marketing to generate new members through direct mail and providing new incentives for reservation users to join;
3. Increasing receipts at the reservations, for example, by restructuring fees where indicated, and promoting group uses such as conferences or private functions where appropriate; and
4. Encouraging more corporate use of selected properties, more corporate representation on the Board and greater financial support from the Commonwealth's business community.

In the process of its work, McKinsey has helped us develop a detailed understanding of the economics of our current operations and has given us a rational and thoroughgoing approach for analyzing new opportunities. These are contributions which will benefit The Trustees time and time again as we move into a new century. Thanks Franz, Ron, Jeff and Evelyn!

Frederic Winthrop, Jr.
Director



The Trustees of Reservations is dedicated to preserving for public use and enjoyment properties of exceptional scenic, historic and ecological value across Massachusetts. Founded in 1891, it is the world's oldest land trust.

Today, The Trustees own and manage 76 properties, totaling 19,500 acres, and protect an additional 10,400 acres through the use of conservation restrictions.

The Trustees of Reservations is a private, non-profit organization and relies for support entirely upon membership dues, contributions, admission fees, grants and endowments.

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Another approach to conservation restrictions. Al Creighton, Elliot Forbes, Fred Winthrop, and Mac Davidson en route to Nashawena Island, our largest CR (1900 acres).

Flying CRs

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his window for a clear shot, and took several photos.

"That new addition is allowed within the building envelope and all approvals are in place," said Tom, "but we need pictures to keep our files current."

Soon we were over Wellesley with a dramatic view of the Hunnewell conservation restrictions (five in all) and the Von Clemm CR across Lake Waban from Wellesley College. Then we turned south along the Charles to see CRs in Sherborn, Millis, and Medfield, with a quick detour to Holliston for a view of the new Wenakeening Woods CR near the Avery-Dennison property.

After leaving the Charles River Valley, our target areas were more widely spread. We passed over Canton to photograph the new Pakeen Farm CR (with a clear view of our Bradley Reservation also), then headed east towards Norwell and Marshfield to view two protected properties along the North River.

Our bumpy ride across Plymouth County to Marion and Mattapoisett let us know that the wind was picking up, but when we banked towards the east, we made excellent time flying downwind to Yarmouth. There, the Chace and Scheuch families have preserved some 267 acres on Great Island,

a key oceanfront area that could easily have been ruined if overdeveloped with condos and vacation homes.

Our original plan was to stop on Martha's Vineyard to pick up Islands Supervisor Chris Kennedy to fly his CRs, but a long haul upwind to the Vineyard airport convinced Ash that we should trim our schedule and head back north.

But we promised Chris we would photograph Nashawena, one of the Elizabeth Islands and the location of The Trustees' largest conservation restriction, which protects more than 1,900 acres. Our photos documented significant storm-related shoreline changes at Quicks Hole Beach, a prime nesting area for piping plovers.

As the sun dropped and shadows lengthened, visibility declined, but we managed to make it to the West Branch of the Westport River to get a clear view of six separate CRs and photograph a proposed seventh. Our final target was the 70-acre restriction at Fox Lea Farm in Rehoboth, before following Route 95 north to Norwood.

Tom's Southeast Region has the largest concentration of CRs, but statewide The Trustees hold a total of 130 CRs preserving some 10,400 acres, more than any other Massachusetts land conservation organization.²⁴

—Richard T. Howe
Deputy Director for Property Management

Year Ends with Eleven More Parcels Saved

A productive year ended with an unusually busy December, which saw staff of the Land Conservation Center racing to record five deeds for 48.5 acres and six conservation restrictions on 534 acres. Together with projects that closed earlier in the year, a total of 980 acres were protected in 17 towns in 1994. The end-of-year projects included two additions to Rocky Narrows Reservation on the Charles River in Sherborn (*described in more detail in the accompanying story*), and perpetual restrictions on important properties in Canton, Chilmark, New Marlborough, Seekonk and Rehoboth, Westport, and Wellesley. In addition, strategic parcels were added to Long Hill Reservation in Beverly, Chesterfield Gorge in Chesterfield, Charles River Peninsula in Needham., and the Brooks Woodland Preserve in Petersham.

"We are grateful to every donor and to the many volunteers who helped us bring 1994 to a close with so many successes," said Wes Ward, Director of The Trustees' Land Conservation Center.

Perpetual Conservation Restrictions

♦ **Pakeen Farm, Canton**

The Charles Lyman family donated a CR on 149 acres of Pakeen farm near the Bradley Reservation in Canton, protecting woodland, meadows, farmland, wetlands, and a beautiful view along a mile of Elm and Greenlodge Streets, both scenic ways. Pakeen Farm lies within the 6000-acre land grant set aside in 1657 for the Ponkapoag Indians.

♦ **Jane Hunnewell property, Wellesley**

Adjacent to two existing CRs along the Charles River, this CR was donated by Jane Hunnewell on the balance of her land (22 acres) on Washington Street in Wellesley, an area listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The CR protects the scenic, historic and agricultural values of the property.

♦ **Brayton Property, West Branch of the Westport River, Westport**

Robert and Donna Brayton of Westport Point donated a CR on 48 acres of upland and swamp forest, ponds, and marshland on the West Branch of the Westport River. The fifth CR resulting from The Trustees' partnership with the Westport Land Conservation Trust and the West Branch Association, it protects some of the finest wildlife habitat on the Westport River.

♦ **Osamequin Farm, Seekonk and Rehoboth**

Two hundred and forty-one acres of field, forest and wetlands, including headwaters for both the Runnins and Palmer Rivers, were protected by a CR donated by Anne Jencks of Seekonk. It includes much of the historic Carpenter Homestead, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The property is the largest remaining private land holding in

Seekonk, an urbanizing town on the eastern fringe of the Providence metropolitan area, and lies at the heart of several hundred acres of open space.

♦ **Kloss Property, Chilmark**

Henry and Jacque Kloss of Cambridge donated a CR on 53 acres of woodland and coastline, including Cape Higgon on Vineyard Sound. The restriction protects the habitat of two rare species (broom crowberry and the eastern box turtle) and the natural character of an undeveloped, largely forested area with 1,650 feet of frontage on Vineyard Sound.

♦ **Phillips Parcel, New Marlborough**

Margaret Phillips donated a CR on 23.5 acres of forest, meadow and wetlands in New Marlborough village, and then donated the land itself, subject to these restrictions, to the New Marlborough Land Preservation Trust. This is the second CR Miss Phillips has granted The Trustees in recent years (*see the following item*), and brings to more than 2,200 acres the land that landowners, The Trustees and land trust partners have protected in northeastern New Marlborough in recent years.

♦ **Montgomery Property, New Marlborough**

In an unusual project, a very generous and innovative grant from the Turkeybush Foundation enabled The Trustees to purchase an amendment to an existing CR. The amendment reduces the number of future house lots permitted on the 197-acre Montgomery property from 4 to 2, thus further protecting this key portion of North Road. The original CR was given to The Trustees in 1988 by Margaret Phillips.

Additions to Reservations

♦ **Chesterfield Gorge Reservation, Chesterfield**

Stanley and Mildred Greimann of New Haven donated 5 acres of woodland to be added to Chesterfield Gorge Reservation. The property provides a buffer for the natural area that comprises most of our holdings on the eastern side of the Westfield River, and provides additional management access from Route 143.

♦ **Brooks Woodland Preserve, Petersham**

Using funds provided in a bequest by the late Hall J. Peterson, The Trustees' President from 1989-1994, a 5-acre wooded parcel on East Street was purchased from the Athol Credit Union to protect the eastern border of this handsome reservation.

♦ **Long Hill Reservation, Beverly**

Raymond and Linda Gosselin donated 0.4 acre as an addition to Long Hill, The Trustees' headquarters. The parcel includes a portion of the extensive red maple swamp bordering Long Hill.

♦ **Charles River Peninsula Reservation, Needham**

Elaine Lindy donated 0.25 acre as an addition to the Charles River Peninsula. Ownership of this parcel may assist The Trustees in eventually solving a long-standing access problem.♦

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A Listing of Updated and Newly Scheduled Events

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SAT, APR 1

Volunteer Work Day

Bartholomew's Cobble, Ashley Falls. 413-229-8600

Bring gloves and hand tools to help prepare the Cobble for the season ahead. Friendly neighbors and plenty of work will be offered. Bring your hot drink of choice and we'll supply the doughnuts! 10 AM to noon.

SAT, APR 1

Volunteer Work Day

*Swift River Reservation, Petersham.
508-840-4446*

Help to complete work on the Big Trail on the Davis Tract. Bring lopping shears, grub hoes, and hazel hoes. Wear appropriate clothes and shoes and bring a picnic lunch. 9 AM to 3 PM.

SAT, APR 8

Discovering Vernal Pools

Bartholomew's Cobble, Ashley Falls. 413-229-8600

Join biologist Scott Jackson from the University of Massachusetts on this exploration of early spring pools. Ponds destined to dry up by summer are teeming with life. Learn how and why they should be protected. This is a program for all. Weather permitting. 10 AM to noon. Wear wet-weather boots. Dress warmly. Member adults \$3, children 6-12 \$1. Non-member adults \$5, children \$2.

SUN, APR 9

Spring Discovery Day for Children of All Ages

Bartholomew's Cobble, Ashley Falls. 413-229-8600

Walk the Cobble with naturalist Don Reid and explore the wonders of spring. From turkey vultures to wildflowers, and everything in between. 10 AM to noon. Member adults \$3, children 6-12 \$1. Non-member adults \$5, children \$2.

SAT, APR 15

The Natural History of S. E. Arizona

Bartholomew's Cobble, Ashley Falls. 413-229-8600

Join Western Regional Ecologist Don Reid and Massachusetts Audubon Society's Rene Laubach on this spring trip to Arizona. Birding will be a major part of the trip but all aspects of natural history will be included. For more information and itinerary, contact the Massachusetts Audubon Society's Tour Office at 617-259-9500.

SAT, APR 29

Birding the Cobble

Bartholomew's Cobble, Ashley Falls. 413-229-8600

Join well-known local naturalist David St James as he brings you into the world of birds at Bartholomew's Cobble. Dave will guide you through bird identification by sight and sound. 9 AM to 11 AM. Member adults \$3, children 6-12 \$1. Non-member adults \$5, children \$2.

SAT, APR 29

Earth Day at the Rock House

Rock House Reservation, West Brookfield. 508-840-4446
A volunteer work day for the trails, trailside museum, and parking area. Bring a picnic lunch and wear appropriate clothes and shoes. Bring along your lopping shears, grub hoes, shovels, pruning shears, etc. 9 AM to 3 PM.

SUN, APR 30

Nature Photography

Bartholomew's Cobble, Ashley Falls. 413-229-8600

Have you always wanted to move past the basics of 35 mm photography? John Green, well-known naturalist and nature photographer, will show you how it's done! The Cobble is famous for its diversity of spring woodland wildflowers. John will show you how to capture these magnificent flashes of color on film. In this six-hour field course, he will also answer your questions about 35 mm photography. Space is limited. Please pre-register. 8 AM to 2:30 PM. Member adults \$25. Non-member adults \$30.00.

SUN, APR 30

The Great House Tour

Crane Memorial Reservation, Ipswich. 508-356-4351
The Great House opens its doors for the annual spring house tour. The Stuart-style mansion features 16th-century wood carvings by Grinling Gibbons, and bathrooms with Italian marble and sterling silver fixtures. The Great House was the summer home of Chicago-based industrial magnate Richard T. Crane. 1 to 4 PM. Members free. Non-member adults \$5, children 6-12 and seniors \$3. No group rate available.

Last Week of April – Call for Details!

Sedgwick Garden Lecture and Workshop Series

Long Hill, Beverly. (508) 921-1944

We will begin our annual series of speakers and hands-on workshops the last week of April. Look for the detailed brochure to be mailed in February or call Superintendent Lillabeth Wies for information.

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SAT, MAY 6

Sounds of a Spring Evening

Bartholomew's Cobble, Ashley Falls. 413-229-8600

Did you ever wonder what all that noise is about on a spring evening? Learn who, what, and why. Bring the family along for this fun-filled and informative evening walk. 7:30 PM. Member adults \$3, children 6-12 \$1. Non-member adults \$5, children \$2.

SAT, MAY 13

Splashes of Color

Bartholomew's Cobble, Ashley Falls. 413-229-8600

Early spring is the perfect time for the Cobble's famous wildflower show. Join well-known naturalist Alva Sanborn for this introduction to spring ephemerals. 10 AM to noon. Member adults \$3, children 6-12 \$1. Non-member adults \$5, children \$2.

SUN, MAY 14

The 7th Annual Mother's Day

Rare Plant Sale and Auction

Long Hill, Beverly. 508-921-1944

Join us for this annual sale and auction of hardy plants, perennials, shrubs and trees. We specialize in unusual and hard-to-find plants. All are welcome. 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Free admission.

SUN, MAY 14

The Birds and Wildflowers of Tyringham Cobble

Tyringham Cobble, Tyringham. 413-229-8600

Tyringham Cobble is one of the Western Regions most beautiful properties. Join naturalist Don Reid as we explore this place, looking for wildflowers, spring migrants and nesting species. 9 AM to noon. Member adults \$3, children 6-12 \$1. Non-member adults \$5, children \$2.

SUN, MAY 14

Mother's Day Meander

Jacob's Hill, Royalston. 508-840-4446

Experience a canoe ride up the Tully River to the base of Spirit Falls. From there, it's a short but strenuous meander to the magnificent views from "The Ledges" addition to Jacob's Ridge, The Trustees' newest acquisition in Royalston. Bring a picnic lunch. *Rental canoes available.* Call Dick O'Brien for details. 9 AM to 3 PM.

SAT, MAY 20

The Stevens-Coolidge Place Plant Sale

Stevens-Coolidge Place, North Andover. 508-652-3580

A vast array of perennials, old roses, and unusual annuals will be available for sale. Also enjoy the garden's spring display at its peak. The house will

be open, with floral arrangements provided by the North Andover Garden Club. Refreshments. All are welcome. Free admission. 10 AM to 2 PM.

SAT, MAY 20

Wildflowers and Their Stories

Bartholomew's Cobble, Ashley Falls. 413-229-8600

Children of all ages are invited to meet the flowers of spring and learn their secrets. Listen to naturalist Daphne Drury as she tells us how flowers got their names. 10 AM to noon. Member adults \$3, children 6-12 \$1. Non-member adults \$5, children \$2.

SUN, MAY 21

Frogs and Salamanders, Snakes and Turtles

Bartholomew's Cobble, Ashley Falls. 413-229-8600

Naturalist and author Tom Tynning invites you to join him in this search for amphibians and reptiles. Bring along the family and wear wet-weather boots or shoes. 10 AM to noon. Member adults \$3, children 6-12 \$1. Non-member adults \$5, children \$2.

SAT, MAY 27

Woodland Wildflowers – Woodland Birds

Bartholomew's Cobble, Ashley Falls. 413-229-8600

Enter the world of spring woodland birds through sight and sound as naturalist and writer Joe Strauch leads this adventure into Bartholomew's Cobble. A delightful way to learn methods of plant identification and history. 10 AM to noon. Member adults \$3, children 6-12 \$1. Non-member adults \$5, children \$2.

SUN, MAY 28

The Natural History of Bartholomew's Cobble

Bartholomew's Cobble, Ashley Falls. 413-229-8600

Join naturalist David St James as he shows you how it all comes together. Birds, plants, plant ecology, habitats, geology – it really is one big circle of life. 10 AM to noon. Member adults \$3, children 6-12 \$1. Non-member adults \$5, children \$2.

SAT, MAY 27 - MON, OCT 9

Cape Poge Natural History Oversand Tour

Chappaquiddick Island, Martha's Vineyard.

508-627-3599

Join us in a specially outfitted "safari" vehicle for a three-hour tour across the remote beaches of Chappaquiddick Island – out to the historic Cape Poge Lighthouse and back. Our naturalist, a guide trained to monitor endangered shorebirds, can show you the rare piping plover, least tern and northern marsh hawk. The Cape Poge Natural History Tour will give you a broad and entertaining view into the historic and natural world protected by The Trustees. Member adults \$27, children 15 and under \$15. Non-member adults \$30, children \$15. Gift certificates available. *Call after May 1 for specific schedules, additional information and reservations.*

SAT, MAY 27 - MON, OCT 9

Cape Poge Wildlife Canoe Tour

Chappaquiddick Island, Martha's Vineyard.

508-627-3599

We are now offering canoe natural history tours of Poucha Pond and Cape Poge Bay. With the lagoon connecting them, these water bodies comprise a large tidal ecosystem that is flooded twice daily by waters flowing from Nantucket Sound through Cape Poge Gut. Protected by large public and private ownerships and The Trustee barrier beach holdings, the area is one of the jewels of the Vineyard – a natural refuge for wildlife.

Herons, egrets, osprey, cormorants, several species of waterfowl and a variety of shorebirds feed, nest and (or) visit the area in migration. The magnificent great blue heron is one of the favorite sights on the tour. Join our naturalist for a tour you are sure to enjoy. Member adults \$27, children 15 and under \$15. Non-member adults \$30, children \$15. Gift certificates available. *Call after May 1 for specific schedules, additional information and reservations.*

SAT, MAY 27 - MON, OCT 9

**Great Point Natural History
Oversand Tour**

Coskata Coatue, Nantucket Island.

508-228-6799

Explore Nantucket's most beautiful and remote barrier beach. Bring your sunscreen and travel with our naturalist for a three-hour oversand tour aboard our specially outfitted "safari" vehicle. View herons and egrets in vast saltmarsh. Ponder the origins of a century-old cedar beach forest. Travel a five-mile arm of open beach to the remote Great Point Lighthouse! During this tour you may see rare terns, plovers, marsh hawks, and the American oyster catcher. The scenery is spectacular, don't forget your camera! Member adults \$27, children 15 and under \$15. Non-member adults \$30, children \$15. Gift certificates available. *Call after May 15 for specific schedules, additional information and reservations.*

SHORTS ♦ OF ♦ ALL ♦ SORTS

♦ **Cathy Kilminster** has been hired as the Administrative Assistant for the Western Regional Office. Cathy moved to the area recently with her husband David, who works with Martin-Marietta. She brings a strong interest in conservation work to The Trustees.

♦ Our warmest congratulations to the families of Trustees' staff members who are enjoying new additions! **Bill and Kendra Crosby** welcomed **Liam Michael**; **Jim and Kathleen Prince** welcomed **Megan Elizabeth**; and **Elizabeth Redmond** and **Clark Pearce** welcomed **Eli Redmond Pearce**.

♦ Thanks, Josh! When **Josh Sohn** completed his Bar Mitzvah, he decided that 13% of the gift money he received would be given to thirteen different charities. To each designated organization, Josh made a gift in honor of a family member or friend. The Trustees of Reservations is pleased to be one of the organizations Josh selected and would like to recognize his public-spirited contribution.

♦ **OFFICE HELP WANTED.** The Membership and Development Office in Beverly is looking for volunteers to work three hours a week minimum on clerical tasks, including filing, letter stuffing and data entry. Days and hours flexible. Please call **Susan McGarvey** or **Sue Small** at 508-921-1944.

♦ Thanks to **Stephanie Anderson** of Richmond, a Monument Mountain Regional High School senior, who donated the cover illustration for the new *Bartholomew's Cobble Bird Checklist*.

♦ Thanks to **Lisa Adamopoulos** of Peabody, a Salem State art student, for her Pooled Income Fund illustration.

Wish List

♦ For the **Great House at Castle Hill** . . . the library needs a room-sized oriental rug in good condition, up to 13 by 26 feet, and the second floor foyer needs a small crystal lustre chandelier.

Please call **Elizabeth Redmond** at 508-921-1944 with specifics.

♦ **Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Islands** need your help! We are in need of an 18-20 foot outboard motor boat, preferably fiberglass, with utility boat trailer to assist rangers, monitor shorebirds, and transport staff. If you are able to consider the donation of a boat such as the Sea Ox, Privateer or Boston Whaler, please call Islands Regional Supervisor **Chris Kennedy** as soon as possible at 508-693-7662.



Land Protection Specialist Valerie Talmage of The Trustees' Land Conservation Center with Franklin "Bunge" King.

Generous Friends

Rocky Narrows Reservation on the Charles River in Sherborn is being enlarged and improved, with crucial help from George Lewis and Franklin ("Bunge") King, two long-standing friends of The Trustees' conservation work. The result: up to 70 acres are being added to the reservation, a small parking area will improve access, and the trail system will be extended along the Charles River.

Established in 1897, Rocky Narrows Reservation with its 157 acres along the Charles River is one of The Trustees' oldest and most scenic holdings. In December, Lewis and King conveyed a 38 acre parcel on South Main Street to the Massachusetts Land Conservation Trust, Inc. (MLCT), The Trustees' affiliate. The Lewis/King land is adjacent to the 150-acre Sherborn Town Forest, which in turn abuts the reservation. Lewis and King conveyed the 38 acre parcel in a charitable "bargain sale," with the understanding that MLCT would sell a 5 to 8-acre residential parcel, subject to appropriate restrictions, and use the proceeds from that sale to secure adjoining property for conservation, to develop a small parking area for visitors to this new conservation parcel, and to provide an enhanced endowment for the reservation.

For many years, King and Lewis have kept their eyes on the parcels adjoining the Town Forest and Rocky Narrows. Their contacts with neighboring landowners laid the foundation for the next steps in this intricate project. Having determined that a house lot could be created with frontage on South Main Street, MLCT staff proceeded to negotiate with the adjoining owners of riverfront land, Mrs. Jean Bono, her son, Vincent Bono, and his wife, Suzanne. By year end, MLCT was able to purchase 12.9 acres; another 30 acres are expected to be under agreement soon. When the project is completed, MLCT will transfer to The Trustees of Reservations the lands acquired from Bono together with the remaining land given by Messrs. Lewis and King, and The Trustees' Charles River Management Unit will construct a small parking area with access from South Main Street. The result, if

all goes well: substantial acreage will be permanently conserved and added to Rocky Narrows Reservation and additional frontage along the Charles River will be protected.

"We are delighted to add this 'missing link' to the Charles River greenway we have been working on for many years," said Frederic Winthrop, Jr., The Trustees' Director. "This stretch of the Charles in Millis, Medfield, Sherborn, and Dover is one of its most beautiful and most natural segments."

Land Protection Specialist Valerie Talmage is the project leader for MLCT and The Trustees. Her team included: Beals and Thomas, Inc., the project engineers; Daniel Calano, real estate consultant and appraiser; and Dudley Willis, project attorney. In addition, Lisa Lewis, a landscape architect and member of The Trustees' Land Conservation Committee, is providing site design services. "A project of this complexity and urgency requires good teamwork and communication," noted Wes Ward, Director of The Trustees' Land Conservation Center. "It also demonstrates the importance of encouraging a strong network of volunteers in support of our priority conservation areas." 🌿

Archaeology at The Old Manse

**You see a splinter of stone,
half-hidden beneath the sod;
it looks like nothing worthy of note,
but if you have faith enough
to pick it up, —behold a relic!**

Nathaniel Hawthorne

Steve Mrozowski, an archaeologist from the University of Massachusetts at Boston, conducted a "dig" at The Old Manse this fall. In connection with the Master Plan for The Old Manse, implementation, Steve and his graduate students conducted an archeological reconnaissance of three locations proposed for drywells to alleviate drainage problems in the Manse's cellar and seven sites within the proposed orchard. The crew dug 2m x 2m test pits at the drywell sites at three corners of the building and 1m x 1m pits where the new fruit trees are proposed.

Several interesting artifacts were found, including a late woodland projectile point and a 17th-century candle snuffer similar to one existing in the house. An undisturbed cooking site was uncovered on the site of the old orchard.

These important discoveries provide hints of the great archaeological potential of The Old Manse. 🌿

Historic Crane Golf Course Opens to Benefit Castle Hill

After a half century of disuse, an historic private golf course in Ipswich built for Richard Crane will be open for a gala two-day golf tournament on June 17 and 18, a special event to benefit the Castle Hill Restoration Fund. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Great House and its surrounding landscape are in need of major restoration.

Mr. Crane's private golf course, known as Labor-In-Vain Country Club from its location at Argilla and Labor-In-Vain Roads, is now owned by Crane's granddaughter, Tatiana Bezamat, and her husband. Mrs. Bezamat is a Corporate Trustee and has offered to restore the nine-hole course, which has not been in use since World War II, for this two-day event in June.

The project is receiving attention and considerable help from golf leaders. Phillip Wogan, whose father, Skip, designed the course, is honorary Co-Chairman of the event with Richard D. Haskell, Chairman of the Massachusetts Golf Association. Haskell, a former Ipswich resident, remembers the course fondly from the days when he worked there as a caddie.

Serving on the Committee headed by Bezamat and Jane Wykoff are the following golfing enthusiasts. From the Myopia Hunt Club: John W. McKean, President; C. W. Dick, Captain of the Green; Margaret K. Hall, Captain, Ladies Golf; and William H. Safrin, Golf Professional. They are joined by the following from the Essex County Club: John T. Olson, President; Anthony J. Bolland, Chairman, Men's Golf; and Lucy Robbins, Ladies Golf Chairperson.

All are cordially invited to take part in this unique event. For the \$125 entry fee you can play Mr. Crane's private course and be part of the gala weekend. The fee provides tournament play plus a continental breakfast, gourmet lunch, prizes for low gross, and a cocktail reception.

You or your business may want to consider becoming a Hole Sponsor for \$250, a Tournament Sponsor for \$500, a Tournament Benefactor for \$1,000, a Tournament Patron for \$5,000, or a Tournament Underwriter for \$10,000. If you would like to take part in this exciting, one-time event, please contact Mrs. Bezamat or Mrs. Wykoff or call Ann Powell in the Development Office at (508) 921-1944 for details. 🍷

Jump into our pool any time!



Even though it's winter, come jump into our Pool. You have an invitation year-round, in every season. When you take the leap and make a gift of cash or securities to our Pooled Income Fund, you receive the following benefits:

- You entirely avoid a capital gains tax if you donate appreciated stock.
- You receive an immediate income tax deduction.
- You receive income from the Fund paid quarterly for life.
- You remove the property from your probate estate.
- You make a meaningful gift to The Trustees.

Here's what a donor to our Pooled Income Fund says: "For people blessed with low-cost securities, this is a golden opportunity. You avoid the capital gains tax, which causes huge erosion of capital. You turn a low-income producing asset into a stream of increased income. And you do something for The Trustees in your lifetime. It's a wonderful way to make a gift."

For more information about our Pooled Income Fund, please contact:

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First Membership Fee Increase Since 1987 Coupled with New Benefits

For the first time since 1987, membership fees will be going up. **Beginning April 1, 1995**, the following new fee structure will be in effect:

Individual	\$40
Individual (Student/Senior)	\$30
Family	\$60
Family (Student/Senior)	\$50
Contributing	\$100
Supporting	\$150
Sustaining	\$300
Sponsor	\$600

This change adjusts fees for inflation over the past eight years. It also reflects our commitment to fiscal responsibility and to maintaining the high standards of management for which The Trustees have become known over the years. We hope, when your membership renewal notice arrives, that you will remain in your current membership category. If that is not possible, we hope you will renew at a level you feel you can afford. Whatever your decision, please renew. Your support is essential if we are to carry out our mission of protecting the best of the Massachusetts landscape.

Many of our members will be glad to hear that we have decided to add **free admission to Crane Beach for all members at the Supporting level (\$150) and above. All other members (Individual, Family and Contributing) will receive a 50% discount.** These new benefits at Crane Beach will also take effect on April 1, 1995. **You will need to show your membership card at the gate** to obtain these admission privileges. (With this new membership program and additional benefits, we will no longer be offering the year-round passes at the beach.) We hope that these added benefits will encourage you to renew promptly.

Remember, for our members, admission to all other properties is free!

If you have any questions concerning the changes in membership fees and benefits, please call the Membership Office at (508) 524-1858.



The Old Manse will celebrate its 225th birthday this September.

Birthday Celebration at The Old Manse on September 10

This fall The Old Manse will celebrate its 225th birthday with a living history picnic. Built by the Reverend William Emerson in 1770, The Old Manse stayed in the Emerson-Ripley family until it was purchased by The Trustees of Reservations in 1939.

The birthday picnic will feature historic characters from many eras related to the history of this famous home. William Emerson will be there with his wife, Phebe, who watched the battle at the Old North Bridge from the windows of her new house. Miss Elizabeth Ripley, a great gardener famous for her watermelons and unusual gardening costume, may introduce you to her mother, Mrs. Sarah Ripley, "the most remarkable woman to occupy The Old Manse" according to Paul Brooks, who wrote *The Old Manse and the People Who Lived There*.

Circle September 10 on your calendar and join us at The Old Manse to enjoy the hospitality made traditional by generations of Emersons and Ripleys. Follow in the footsteps of such guests as Franklin Pierce, Ulysses S. Grant, Julia Ward Howe and Henry David Thoreau. Celebrate the birthday of a building that Ralph Waldo Emerson and Nathaniel Hawthorne called home.

The festivities will occur from 12 noon to 4 PM. Ample free parking will be available next to the North Bridge on Monument Street. Call 508-369-3909 for more information.

Ed Paquin Retires

The Northeast Region said *"Don't be a stranger!"* to one of its own on December 21 at Castle Hill in Ipswich at a surprise retirement party for Ed Paquin.

Retiring after twenty-five years with The Trustees, Paquin was "roasted" and "toasted" by friends and family, some of whom had made the trip from Maine to celebrate at the Great House. Ed was presented with a Laurence Lowry aerial photograph of the Crane property and a captain's chair, in which he thought he would have no trouble *sleeping!*

With grandchildren on his knee, Ed listened to Wayne Mitton, Peter Pinciario, Dave Rimmer, Betsy Hathaway, Wally Prisby and Hilary Hamilton tell tales of his service and kindness since he began working at The Trustees in September of 1969.

Paquin's son Don gave a moving tribute to his father. Throughout the evening, Peter Pinciario kept everyone in stitches with an endless stream of banter, which was punctuated with humorous asides from Harry Mears.

All in fun, the stories told of endless 'organized' clutter in Ed's workshop, kindness on snowy winter roads, instruction in the care and feeding of tractors, and great diligence in supporting the complicated utility systems at the Great House. Most of all, the stories painted a picture of a man who was dedicated to The Trustees and to the people with whom he worked. A "people person," who even as he retires is encouraging those who depended on him for so many years not to hesitate to call if they need help, Ed Paquin is a man who cares enormously about his colleagues and has worked tirelessly with them for two and a half decades.

When asked to say a few words, Ed thanked everyone in his own inimitable style for their support and wryly observed that the last twenty-five years had been "... Well, ... *very* interesting. ..."

Ed will be missed. 🍷



Warm Thanks for a Job Well Done!

The auction at Greenwood Farm in Ipswich on last October 1 was a great success as well as a good time for the large crowd, which gathered on this spectacular property on a beautiful day.

Auctioneer Ron Bourgeault has The Trustees' deepest appreciation for conducting the auction, which raised over \$130,000 from the sale of 350 lots of antiques. Special thanks to Jonathan Loring, who headed a large crew of hard-working volunteers and to everyone who donated antiques to the sale. Auction proceeds will fund preservation of the early 18th century Paine House and start-up costs for this reservation. 🍷

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The Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program maintains the state's database on the status of our rare and endangered plants and animals, reviews proposed development projects for their potential impact on these species, oversees and funds research projects, and actively participates in recovery programs.

The program's scientists have provided invaluable data, advice and guidance to The Trustees of Reservations in its efforts to protect endangered populations of plovers, terns and other rare species on its properties.

The Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program relies upon voluntary contributions made by Massachusetts taxpayers for more than 80% of its funding.

Help save our endangered wildlife. Please make a voluntary contribution on your Massachusetts income tax form ("Adjustments to tax" category) to the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Fund. 🌿